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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MAIN MARITIME ACADEMY VESSEL "STATE OF MAINE"

REF: EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 208 TO MFA: DEPT'S A-231 AND A-921

- 1. CONGEN HAS CONTACTED INFOLOT LENINGRAD CONCERNING PROPOSED VISIT OF VESSEL "STATE OF MAINE" DURING PERIOD JUNE 4-8 (REVISED DATES PER CAPTAIN BRENNAN'S LETTER OF FEB 13). INFLOT HAD NO PREVIOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING VISIT. CONGEN OFFICERS PROVIDED BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND NOTED THAT SHIP IS CONSIDERED A PUBLIC VESSEL UNDER TERMS OF RELEVANT AGREEMENT. INFLOT OFFICIALS WERE ASKED TO ADVISE CONGEN OF ANY EXPENSES CONCERNING VESSEL'S VISIT TO LENINGRAD.
- 2. INFLOT HAS SINCE INFORMED CONGEN THAT EXPENSES WOULD COME TO OV 2,000 RUBLES, NOTWITHSTANDING STATUS OF PUBLIC VESSEL OF UNITED STATES. EXPENSES INCLUDED 935 RUBLES FOR PILOT SERVICE, 598 RUBLES FOR TUGS, 220 RUBLES AGENCY FEE, AND 300 RUBLES FOR PORT DUES.
- 3. CONGEN QUESTIONS WHETHER STATED EXPENSES SHOULD BE APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC VESSEL, AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S MAKING APPROPRIATE QUERIES. IN THIS REGARD, DID MAINE ACADEMY ASCERTAIN TREATMENT OF SOVIET TRAINING SHIP "TOVARISHCH" DURING ITS 1972 VISIT TO BALTIMORE? WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHETHER ACADEMY OR EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ANY INDICATIONS THAT VESSEL'S VISIT WOULD BE HOSTED BY MAKAROV MARINE ACADEMY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LENINGRAD INSTITUTION. CONGEN WILL DEFER OTHER APPROACHES HERE WITH RESPECT TO PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT PENDING CLARIFICATION OF FEE AND HOST QUESTIONS. UNCLASSIFIED

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